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THEY ARE DIVIDED.

The Offices of Circuit Clerk and Recorder Separated.

When County Court convened last Monday morning it was evident that something out of ordinary line was to be considered. Groups of men, engaged in earnest conversation could be seen in every part of town. It was known that a petition asking the separation of the circuit clerk's and recorder's offices would be presented, but only a few knew how strong the petition would be.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon B. F. Anderson, of Commerce, appeared before the court, with petition in hand, and, in substance, said: "Gentlemen of the court, I have been selected by the signers and friends of this petition to present it. We have here for your consideration one thousand, three hundred and twenty names of tax-payers and voters of our county, asking the separation of the offices of circuit clerk and recorder. There are yet six petitions out, that have failed to reach here, which will add at least two hundred to the number. We are ready to file this petition, but would ask of the court that, in case it be demanded, we be given until to-morrow afternoon to gather up the remaining petitions."

The court granted the permission and the petition was filed.

At 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the court took the matter up. By this time the petitioners numbered fourteen hundred and forty. There was no objection raised and the court ordered the records to show that the offices were separated.

The law regarding this matter reads that "the Governor on being notified by the County Court of the fact, shall appoint some suitable person as recorder," etc. Mr. Hinkle requested of his friends to ask of the court that no notice be given the Governor, and that Mr. Lettwich be allowed to fill out the term for which he was elected, but, upon entering the court room it was learned that Mr. Lettwich had taken a certified copy of the order and was on his way to Morley, to go to Jefferson City, via Cairo, Mo. At this point the court let down that morning and it is supposed that he went up on the noon train.

Just what caused Mr. Lettwich to take such action we are unable to say. No one signed the petition with the intention of depriving him of the recorder's office before the expiration of his term, and had he made it known that he wanted to be appointed by the Governor, Mr. Hinkle would gladly have headed a petition to that effect, and his friends would have followed suit.

THE POPULISTS MET.

A mass convention of the People's Party of Scott County was held in Curd's Opera House, Morley, last Saturday afternoon. The hall was fairly well filled with third party adherents and outsiders, and the following proceedings were had:

Organization was effected by the election of John Marx, permanent chairman and J. B. Finley, permanent secretary. On motion the following were appointed a committee on resolutions: J. K. P. Chewning, Thos. Snowden, John Rushing, Newt Higgins, S. Love, Joe Hutchinson, S. Henson, J. B. Finley and Charlie McConnell.

Rollen Cannon and J. K. P. Chewning addressed the meeting and told it among other things that we are in more intolerable slavery than were the negroes before the war, and that unless the two old parties can be downed the same condition of things is likely to continue even unto the third and fourth generation. County Commissioner Atchison was asked to speak but declined. Better luck was had with Judge Ballentine, who fired a round into the present conditions in Congress, and wanted to know why a Congressman should be paid for the time in which he was off mending his fences, while he (the Judge) had to mend his fences at his own expense. He disclaimed affiliation with the third party, but had no objection to anything that would improve the present condition of things.

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

That we believe it to be to the best interest of the party and the people at large to defer the nomination of candidates for county offices until the first Saturday in June 1894, second day of the month.

That a report of these proceedings be furnished to the county papers with a request for publication.

These resolutions were adopted unanimously, as was a motion to adjourn until about date at the same place at 10 o'clock a. m.

FROM ORAN.

Jap McCord is building an addition to his residence this week.

Mrs. Miller is having a neat cottage erected on her lot near the Catholic church.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., have ordered a small stock of drugs and standard patent medicines. You will do well to get their prices before purchasing elsewhere. They have a good supply of family medicines—a fresh stock.

Mrs. H. C. Allman is at Sikeston visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. Jordan, who is reported ill of puerperal fever.

Mrs. Alex Wright is visiting her brother, Mr. Hinton, of near Morley. Mr. H. is said to be dangerously ill at this writing.

Query: If the devil were to withdraw his capital from the church and church property how much would be left? Don't everybody answer at once.

Our butcher furnished us with some very nice mutton this week. Mutton is a rarity in Oran. Do it again, Bro. Legrand.

The "Kings Children" meet Sunday evening at 2:30 instead of Monday night as heretofore.

Mrs. Frank Zindel is having tilling put down in order to drain her lot more thoroughly. Other improvements are also being made which add much to the appearance and value of the property.

Rev. Kennedy says that preachers are the poorest paid class of any of the professions. If they do more for less money than physicians they are to be pitied. He further says that religion costs less and is more profitable to the people than anything else. We are not so sure about the cost but we do not want to live in a place where there is no religion. The old axiom, "That which costs nothing is worth nothing" does not apply to religion.

Caleb Matthews started east Tuesday, where he will purchase the nearest and largest stock of dry goods and clothing ever brought to Oran. Mr. Matthews is a practical merchant and selects goods that are becoming and durable, and, by the way, sells them at very reasonable prices. Hold your order until he returns.

Mr. Blackburn, who has been quite ill of pneumonia and still very feeble, returned to Kentucky, his former home, in search of health last Monday.

Miss Jimmie Nichols came down from the Cape last Saturday to visit relatives and friends and returned to her studies Monday.

Miss Estelle Query, who has been absent visiting in Cape county, returned home last week.

Dr. Joseph Wright returned from Chicago last week bringing his diploma as a D. D. S. with him. Joe will locate in Oran for the present.

Sickness is on the decrease, times are improving, merchants are buying more extensively and there is little complaint being made. Most of our people have employment. Of course we have our share of people who cannot find work and would not if they could.

Rumor says that Keeley has done much for temperance reform in Mississippi County than local option, the W. C. T. U. or the churches, that is within the past two years. I notice a few names among the successful candidates in the last election in that county who have taken the Keeley treatment. It does not matter so much who gets the credit provided the boys stay sober. Uno.

New Voting Precinct.

L. P. Woodward, a Justice of the Peace of Morley township, was before the county court Tuesday and presented a petition asking that a change be made in the township lines, so that a portion of the northwest part of Richland township be permitted to vote in Morley township, and that a new voting precinct be established at Battle schoolhouse. The petition was granted and John Vanduser and John Matthews appointed judges and Samuel Miller and Jas. Gatewood clerks of the new precinct. A postoffice is much needed in that vicinity.

By presenting petitions to the court the people at Caney Station and at Perkins could, doubtless, secure voting precincts. It should be done in the interest of the fullest possible expression of the will of the people.

Get measured for a suit, pick out of the samples from their splendid lot of goods and Heiserer & Miller will get you on short notice as handsome a suit as the cities show.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

A certain party in the neighborhood kept regularly the tramps, that called upon him, overnight. One morning a good Coxeyite left his host early and took all the bedding along. His successors are very angry at him. Our good friend has fixed up another bed, and takes the pants away from these would-be Coxeyes every night. That makes 'em wait for breakfast.

John Thomas, of the Cape, and Mrs. John Gosche, of Kelso, visited New Hamburg Thursday.

A huge panther of the African species has been seen among the hills northwest of town. It excites the country with its screams at night. A company of 20 adventurous hunters has been formed to hunt down the brute. Manuel Rees, the buck-eye hunter, could do it all himself. No flies on Manuel.

Uncle Benedict Scherer is suffering from rheumatism.

Geo. Gluck took a business trip to Morley and Sikeston.

Mrs. Nicholas Schlosser has a relapse and is confined to her bed.

The sale at Aug. Asmus' was well attended. Among those that passed here we noticed Jacob Stehr, Sr. and Con. Grojean.

We almost fell asleep Saturday last, it had been raining all day. However, on arrival of the Newsboy, and reading its item, "It Will Be Warm," we revived our spirit and transfused ourself into the genial atmosphere and fragrant flowers of Florida.

Chas. Grojean & Co., had a flying excursion—fishing for dog-fish, we presume.

Peter Bosen, our sturdy blacksmith, is on the sick list. Peter thought that anything that comes by itself will go away by itself. He, however, found to his surprise that Dr. Freeling was of different opinion.

Chas. Miederhoff has invested in some fine stock hogs, bought from Wm. Ker, at Prairie du Rocher, Ill. Mr. Miederhoff is one of those who ahead farmers that can't afford a standstill while there is an over production of wheat, and that at a cost something equal to a number if added or subtracted will neither increase nor diminish any number.

Hamburg goes right ahead. The latest is a barber shop kept in good running order by Anton Whitehead. The sanctum was opened on the 5th. Peter Bosen being the first to occupy the chair and have his beard rooted.

Rev. Father Klein, of Kelso, visited Rev. Father Scherer on Tuesday.

The Misses Emmille Fetter and Ida Gerst, who were reported down with pneumonia in our last letter, are better and able to attend school.

The St. Lawrence library, which re-opened last fall, is well patronized. Over 50 books were exchanged last Sunday.

The basket meeting at Cross Plains church last Sunday drew a crowd of about 500 people from all over the county. The church was, of course, utterly inadequate to hold a tithe of the assembly, which in spite of pronounced signs of rain, came from all points of the compass. Revs. Reeves, of Oran, and Howie, of Morley, were the preachers. A baptism took place after the services in the church. No lack of the good things of this life was visible about the well filled baskets on the ground, and all who attended had a capital time.

Heiserer & Miller's dry goods shelves will be loaded with new goods next week. For first choice you can not come too soon.

There will be an excursion by the New Idlewild from Commerce to Cairo and return next Tuesday, the boat leaving Commerce at 10 o'clock a. m. A good brass and string band goes along and there will be ample accommodation for all who go. Tickets can be had from B. F. Anderson, \$1.50 for the round trip, and you can't afford to stay away.

Capt. Ben Tenkhoff, of Commerce, was in the city to-day and he gave the Democrat a friendly call. Ben is a Cape boy who went to Scott County to seek his fortune. He is in the general mercantile business and is a successful business man.—Cape Democrat.

A Wagon Load Of Money

does not necessarily imply content and happiness on the part of its possessor. It is not money that gives us pleasure, but the things that money will buy.

Some people spend money foolishly, and fancy they find enjoyment in doing it, but the pleasure is more fanciful than real. No man who buys

The McCormick No. 4 Steel Mower

can ever be accused of spending money foolishly, and he'll find a hundred reasons to convince him of his wisdom.

We are building the No. 4 to meet the demand for a really superior mower, one that embodies the prime requisites of durability, convenience and light action.

You'll find this mower not merely because thousands of other farmers like it, but because it is a really ideal machine. If you are going to buy a mower you ought to see the No. 4.

FROM COMMERCE.

Commerce is entitled to march at the head of the procession. Her sister towns need not be jealous, because "Age before Beauty," and like Col. Hunter's choice whisky, "Rather small for its age."

Soon after Missouri was admitted into the sisterhood of States a tract of land known as a Spanish grant, belonging to an early settler named Watkins (some of whose descendants are here) was laid off into lots, streets and alleys and called Commerce—no doubt from its commercial point of view, as the other town villages of the county were then hunting grounds or corn or tobacco patches. Commerce started early in making stoneware, and that industry still flourishes—although the local jug trade is not as good as it was a few years ago. Commerce nearly forty years ago built the large brick flouring mill which is yet at work, besides the newer mill which keeps humming almost night and day. To keep these establishments running requires energy and capital, which are supplied by a family of brothers who are justly entitled to a great deal of credit, for without money and such education as they got at home they have shown what can be accomplished by energy and integrity.

I said something about "Age before Beauty." Commerce is now putting on beauty. Ben Tenkhoff and Jim High, our painters, are making the town put a town look new and beautiful, and no doubt others will follow suit.

A friend asked, the other day, whereabouts the cave of Adullam is in the Scriptures. He will find it in 1st Samuel, XXII—1 & 2. It is not right to pertrate jokes on men really out of employment and willing to work, but that cave would about fit at least some of the Commonwealth army. Of it it is said "I am in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented gathered themselves unto him (David) and he became a captain over them."

Truly history repeats itself.

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From New York Settlement.

The building boom is all over for this Spring, and farming is now the order of the day. Corn planting is in full progress now. The wheat will be cut short from the effects of the frost. Health is improving, but the people are generally dissatisfied from the effects of our national machinery not running and turning out work as it ought to.

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FROM MORLEY.

Miss Luta Gray spent a few days with Mrs. L. Daugherty last week.

Leslie Harris and James Farris spent several days in Cape county hunting horses, but came home unsuccessful.

Quite a force of Bentonians was on hand Saturday night to see our A. O. U. W. boys ride the goat, but a kink in the mail service caused a postponement. Too bad!

Mrs. Joseph Lida died of meningitis, leaving a husband, six children and many friends to mourn her loss.

Several of Morley's elite attended the Oran ball last week.

Dr. Gupton attended the Confederate reunion at Mobile and says he had a good time with the boys.

A young man from Cape Girardeau has opened a jewelry store here.

Will Potter is home from school, and is clerking for H. H. Daugherty.

Morley has a gang of window peepers. Look out, boys, or you will get it in the neck.

Alex May is working with the bridge gang at Belmore.

Work will begin on the new school-house next week. Then we will be in the swim for the county seat and we will have a BOOM-de-ay.

The greatest social event of the season was the party at George Tomlinson's last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Albright. There was a nice company, good music and all the guests reported a splendid time.

Calvin Gupton, Mr. Fizer's son-in-law, from Tennessee, moved here last week and likes his new location very much.

The melon bug is here and is playing hades, as usual. Black Howie reports them eating up his crop.

All Morley and much of the swamp went to Cross Plains Sunday. We should have seen Us there with our best girl.

Mrs. J. Congleton is reported very sick at this writing.

H. G. Frobose and family, after a pleasant visit to friends here, returned to St. Louis. Home says he will move back here next Fall and go into business. COXEY.

A Great Assembly.

From the St. Louis Republic.

Missouri Democracy will make at its State Convention a reputation that will last many years.

There can be no future explanation which will discharge the party from responsibility for the actions of this convention. The fullest discussion has been given to the national questions which are agitating the minds of the people. In the Democratic press all shades of personal opinion have been brought out for consideration. The editors themselves have embodied their views in succinct and plain terms for The Republic and have enabled it to put before the whole party a remarkable symposium of Democratic thought.

Counties are sending to Kansas City their strongest men. Not since the battling days of the emancipation of Missouri from reconstruction Radicalism has there been such an assembling of the brain and vigor of the Democracy so stimulated by the expectations of a great party in a great emergency.

Out of the crucible into which such well-selected materials, so well prepared, are placed by the Democracy of Missouri only the pure essence of Democratic faith ought to come.

Whatever comes, the party must accept or endure the consequences. If a mistake is committed and departures are made from the fundamental principles upheld by the party for generations—departures which will shut out large numbers of sincere Democrats—the party and its candidates for years to come must meet the effects without having a right to complain or an excuse for avoidance.

If a clear, dignified and bold declaration of Democratic opinion on living issues is put forth, with malice toward none and with justice to all that is honesty and loyalty Democratic, that declaration will unite the majority of Missouri voters in city, town and country and will crush at once the insolently lively hopes of Republicans which have been sticking their heads through the earth of their past obscurity faster and faster every week since the financial troubles set in a year ago.

This convention must, first of all, be Democratic. The Old Guard will not be sacrificed this year that a few feeble votes may be attracted from the Bedouin bands of political rovers. The old colors must not be hidden or disguised. The honor, the credit and the intelligence of the American voter has hitherto been safe in the hands of the Democratic party, and the Democracy of Missouri has been the foremost and most typical phalanx in the Democratic host. It must be true to itself and to its history.

Prof. D. W. Lutes left for his home at Lutesville Monday. He will be Principal of the Sikeston school next school term.

Summer shoes, light, easy and neat, and at prices to suit all buyers at Heiserer & Miller's.

The funeral of Mrs. Maggie White Fortnes will be preached by Rev. G. M. Brooks at the Owensby schoolhouse the second Sunday in June.

Ben Marshall's California journey will be further reported next week.

Miss Ethel Ireland was the guest of Miss Addie Wylie the first of the week.

There will be services held in the new Catholic church at Oran Sunday and Father Brandt, of Charleston, will preach in English.

FROM BLODGETT.

Lucy Adams went to Benton last week to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Prof. Atchison, our county school commissioner, has been secured to teach our school this school term. The Prof. is a very able man and we feel confident he will give entire satisfaction to all.

Frank Anderson, of Commerce, was in town last week.

Thos. Hinkle, of Oran, was in town one day last week. We understand Mr. Hinkle is a candidate for the office of recorder. Mr. Hinkle is well known by all in the county as an able and well qualified man, and we think if elected he would serve the people well. And he is sure of all the votes in this vicinity.

Mrs. C. Myers and son, Elmer, went to Oran Sunday.

E. A. Johnson, candidate for sheriff, was in town Saturday. We think he will get a good vote here.

From a letter written by Ben F. Marshall, who is taking in the western countries, we gather some important news. We understand he has purchased a large portion of Pike's Peak. We do not know what he intends doing with this valuable property, but we would judge he intends bringing it home, as all tourists who visit that section of the country bring some kind of relics home with them.

Henry Schroeder, who was doing the "Ring Master" act a few nights ago, accidentally (of course) struck himself in the eye with a rawhide, wire-edged, sugar-coated whip causing him much pain and prompting him to be more careful next time.

Mr. Amos Shanks, of Sikeston, is distinguished as the "head man" at Marshall Bros. livery barn. He is a hustler and we are quite sure he will please everyone who has business with his department.

Several hundred people from this place and vicinity attended the basket dinner at Cross Plains Sunday.

Owing to the rainy weather last Saturday, some of the boys "bowed up," as they call it, and felt that they were equal to Sandow, the strong man. They spoke of jumping 40 feet in mid air and alighting on matches as a mere trifle, and they actually declared themselves to be "Big Injun Me." S. & S.

STRAYS.

There has been on and about my place, six miles south of Sikeston, for the past nine weeks the following stock, which are strays: One bay mare with blaze in face, hind feet white, left fore foot white and roan tail. One dark bay horse colt, star in forehead, right hind foot white, Colt unweaned. Owner can recover same by proving property and paying for this notice and pasture.

L. M. JENKINS, Tally, Mo.

Attention, Delegates!

Take the CAPE ROUTE, St. Louis Cape Girardeau & Ft. Smith Ry., to the Democratic Congressional convention at West Plains, May 29, 1894. ONE FARE for the round trip. E. F. BLOMEYER, G. P. A.

Dental Notice.

I have opened a permanent office in Oran, Mo., and am ready to do all kinds of dental work.

J. S. WRIGHT, D. D. S.

If you think of buying furniture, it will pay you to inspect the stock of Anderson Bros., at Commerce, and get prices. They can and will save you money.

Don't it give you pleasure to see your home paper free from all patent medicine literature and rammed, jammed, full of interesting reading matter—telling you just what is going on in every part of the country? The best talent in the county is concentrated on the Newsboy staff, and we give our readers more than double the amount of reading matter contained in any other paper in the county.

From the official weather and crop report we learn that hail storms and high winds did considerable damage throughout the State last week and that washouts and floods helped the bad work. Chinch bugs on wheat, cut worms on corn and the army worm in Southeast Missouri are also reported at work. The general conditions are favorable to the staple crops.

A Texas exchange has the following in regard to the peoples party: "Mr. J. F. Wade, of Kansas, left the populist party the other day, giving the following as his reasons for so doing: Because the populist party is run by lawyers without clients, by doctors without patients, by preachers without pulpits, by women without husbands, by farmers without farms, by financiers without finance, by educators without education, by statesmen out of a job!"

Parties in need of stock peas can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros., Commerce, the next few days on favorable terms, as they need the warehouse room.

Miss Florence Austin, of Richwoods, was the guest of Miss Julia Wade for several days last week.

Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

Miss Luta Gray returned from her visit to Sikeston and Morley last Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Poe, of Diehlstadt, died last Sunday. Heart trouble was the cause of her death.

FROM SIKESTON.

The melon bug and army worm season is upon us and farmers in many localities are having trouble with them. The bug is unusually destructive this season.

A social was enjoyed by a number of our young folks at Frank Sikes' Tuesday evening.

Misses Mollie Sikes, Ella Edmondson and Fanny Crowe are home from Sarvey, Ark., the smittpox scare at that State having caused them to leave before the close of the school term.

Dr. Wyatt was called to Fredericktown professionally Monday. He has many calls from abroad.

Mrs. Laura Blake, of New Madrid, has been spending a few days with friends here.

Jas. F. Evans and John Marrs, of Blodgett, were here Tuesday.

Chas. Stone, of Commerce, candidate for Circuit Clerk, made a canvass of our town Monday.

Mrs. G. Old, of Commerce, spent Sunday last with her sister, Mrs. L. Kendall.

Mr. C. D. Matthews, in company with Jerry Deal, spent part of the week on business in New Madrid.

Mrs. Belle Heiserer spent the first of the week with friends at Buffington.

Miss Sallie Shumate has returned to Oran for a protracted visit to relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Gavett, a landlady at Green's hotel, was arrested Monday night for conduct unbecoming a woman. Mayor Mills fined her \$5 and costs with the alternative of leaving town before noon. She left.

Owners of residents on swamp lands in Scott and New Madrid counties should attend the meeting at Sikeston on Saturday, May 26th, for the purpose of devising some way of draining such lands by ditching and leveeing. A good attendance should be had, the question affecting some of the finest land in the world.

A petition was circulated last week asking the city council to repeal the hog law. The council would do a wise act if they did this and pass instead an ordinance restricting horses from running riot over the town, as they do more harm tearing up walks, which under the present ordinance, each property owner is compelled to keep up. Last Tuesday a herd of horses went tearing down one of our business streets causing a team belonging to John Mills to run away upsetting his wagon and tearing up things generally.

Misses Cora Smith, Lou and Cora Emory left on Wednesday for a visit with friends at Osceola, Mo. They were accompanied as far as New Madrid by Messrs. Chas. Emory and Willie Crabb.

Joe Bennett charged C. P. Pollard